

## ***Reference Letter Sample Housing***

**After the 9/11 terrorist attacks, Congress & the Dept. of State initiated changes to the visa process to increase security, but these changes also increased the amount of time needed to adjudicate a visa.**

**Although maintaining security is of paramount importance, State has acknowledged that long waits for visas may discourage legitimate travel to the U.S., potentially costing the country billions of dollars over time, & adversely influencing foreign citizens' opinions of our nation. A number of consular posts had long visa interview wait times. This report examines: (1) State's data on visa interview wait times; (2) actions State has taken to address wait times; & (3) State's strategy for dealing with projected growth in visa demand. Charts & tables.**

**Determines the extent to which gov't. programs and reg's. protect farm workers from unnecessary occup' exposure to pesticides (OEP). Examines what mechanisms exist at the fed. and state levels to determine the nature and extent of illnesses assoc. with OEP on**

**farms. The following questions were used: What monitoring systems (MS) and other data sources provide info. on pesticide-related illnesses (PRI) that occur on farms? What are the strengths and weaknesses of these MS, and how comprehensive is the info. they provide in terms of kinds of health effects, pop'n. subgroups, pesticides, and geographic coverage? Does the info. provided by these MS provide a basis for making reliable nat. est. of PRI that result from OEP on farms? Tables.**

**Analyzes a range of fuel treatments for representative dry forest stands in the Western U.S. dominated by ponderosa pine, Douglas-fir, & pinyon pine. Six silvicultural options (no thinning; thinning from below to 50 trees per acre [tpa], 100 tpa, 200 tpa, & 300 tpa; & prescribed fire) are considered in combination with the surface fuel treatments (no treatment, pile & burn, & prescribed fire), resulting in a range of alternative treatments for each representative stand. Fuel treatment scenarios presented here can be used by resource managers to examine alternatives for Nat. Environ. Policy Act**

**documents & other applications that require scientifically based info. to quantify the effects of modifying forest structure & surface fuels. Illustrations.**

**1990 Census of Population**

**United Nations Organizations: Enhanced Efforts Needed to Increase U. S.**

**Employment at U. N. Agencies**

**Aviation Security**

**Railroad Bridges and Tunnels**

**Reforming Fuel Economy Standards**

**Could Help Reduce Oil Consumption by Cars and Light Trucks, and Other Options Could Complement These Standards**

**History**

**Congressional Testimony**

*The controversial nat. debate over strategic defense has been overshadowed by other nat. & global issues. Research programs for the Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI) continue, however, & the debate is likely to resume as visible results of that research begin to compete for a share of the nation's budget. This study considers strategic defense in the context of 4 competing strategic theories: deterrence through mutual assured destruction; deterrence through nuclear warfighting; deterrence relying on non-nuclear defense; & disarmament. Non-nuclear, space-based defense is not only feasible, but in some ways preferable to reliance*

***on weapons of mass destruction. To support his case, he outlines a proposed actual system.***

***Illus.***

***"The New York Landlord's Law Book" explains New York landlord-tenant law in comprehensive, understandable terms, and gives landlords the tools they need to head off problems with tenants and government agencies alike.***

***Tourism has become integral to southeast Alaska's regional economy & has resulted in changes to the social & cultural fabric of community life as well as to natural resources used by Alaskans. This study incorporates an ethnographic approach to trace tourism development in three rural southeast Alaska communities featuring different levels & types of tourism. In addition, the effects of tourism from the perspectives of local residents are explored, including economic effects, sociocultural effects, & effects on human uses of natural resources. Illustrations.***

***Federal Coordination for Responding to In-flight Security Threats Has Matured, But Procedures Can be Strengthened***

***Guide to Fuel Treatments in Dry Forests of the Western U. S.***

***Enumerator's Reference Manual***

***Federal Role in Providing Safety Oversight and Freight Infrastructure Investment Could be Better Targeted***

***New York Landlord's Law Book***

***Medicare Physician Payments***

***Yucca Mountain***

*In 2005 Medicare paid over \$1.4 billion for anesthesia services (AS). These services are provided by anesthesia practitioners (AP), such as anesthesiologists and certified registered nurse anesthetists. A study found that Medicare payments for AS are lower than private payments. This difference may create regional discrepancies in the supply of AP. This report examines: the extent to which Medicare payments for AS were lower than private payments across Medicare payment localities; whether the supply of AP across Medicare payment localities was related to the differences between Medicare and private payments for AS or the concentration of Medicare beneficiaries; and compensation levels for AP in 2005 and trends in graduate training. Charts. Offers legal advice for tenants in New York, discusses common rental problems and solutions, and includes instructions for preparing legal forms and letters.*

*Current efforts to improve the scientific basis for fire mgmt. on public lands will benefit from more efficient transfer of technical info. & tools that support planning, implementation, & effective. of vegetation & hazardous fuel treatments. The technical scope, complexity, & relevant spatial scale of analytical & decision-support tools differ considerably. This publication provides a state-of-science summary of tools currently available for mgmt. of vegetation & fuels. Detailed summaries include a description of each tool, location where it can be obtained, relevant spatial scale, level of user knowledge required, data requirements, model outputs, application in fuel treatments, linkage to other tools, & availability of training & support. Tables.*

*DoE Has Improved Its Quality Assurance Program, But Whether Its Application for a NRC License Will be High*

*Quality Is Unclear*

*American Housing Survey for the Pittsburgh Metropolitan Area in 1986*

*American Housing Survey for the Hartford Metropolitan Area in 1996*

*Border Security*

*Tools to Manage Vegetation and Fuels*

*American Housing Survey for the San Antonio Metropolitan Area in ...*

*American Housing Survey for the Hartford Metropolitan Area in 1991*

In Nov. 2006, about 18,000 under-votes were reported in Sarasota County (SC) in the race for Florida's 13th Cong. Dist. Assistance was sought to determine whether the voting systems contributed to the large under-vote in SC. This review discusses: What voting systems & equip. were used in SC & what processes governed their use?; What was the scope of the under-vote in SC in the gen. election?; To what extent were tests conducted on the voting systems in SC prior to the gen. election & what were the results of those tests?; & Considering the tests that were conducted on the voting systems from SC after the gen. election, are additional tests needed to determine whether the voting systems contributed to the under-vote?

First-time renters and seasoned renters alike will be grateful for this volume, which covers the legal rights of tenants through every stage of the housing process. From dealing with rental agents and issues of fair housing and discrimination, to the rights one has once a lease is signed, this guide clearly spells out the rights as well as the responsibilities of those renting property. The final stages of 'tenanthood' are also covered in depth, including renegotiating the lease, breaking the lease, obtaining security deposit refunds, and dealing with eviction. The Legal Almanac Series consists of over 75 handy guides for the lay person on a

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aspects of the law. Each volume includes an overview of the to followed by chapters on the major issues in that subject. Each volume contains an Appendix containing several primary source documents as well as practical forms and checklists. A Glossary defines any technical terms used in the text. L

Includes: (1) Fact Sheets: Effects of Alcohol on Women; Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) Among Native Amer.; The Lang. of FASD; (2) Info. Sheets: Community Health & Unity: Collab. Strategies; Healthy Babies, Strong Futures: How Men Can Help Pregnant Women Be Alcohol Free (AF); How You Can Promote AF Pregnancy; (3) Brochures: How to Help Yourself, Your Family Member, or Friend Be an AF Mother-to-Be: Tips for Native Women, & Tips for Native Men; Help Your Community Have Healthy Babies; (4) Posters: Have a Healthy Baby: Be an AF Mother-to-Be; I'm Healthy, Thank You, Mother!; (5) CD containing electronic versions of all the materials in this kit. (6) Resource List; Surg. Gen. Advisory on Alcohol Use in Pregnancy.

1960 Census of Population and Housing

A Consumer Guide

Social and economic characteristics. Metropolitan areas

Procedural Report on the 1960 Censuses of Population and Housing

Elections: Status of GAO's Review of Voting Equipment Used in Florida's 13th Congressional District

Strategic Planing Clarified with Case Examples

Censuses of Population and Housing

***Five years after the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, concerns continue to be raised about the nation's system for protecting commercial aviation. One layer of the aviation security system involves the ability of the fed. gov't. to respond to actual or potential security threats while a commercial aircraft is in flight.***

***This report examines in-flight security threats & current fed. efforts to respond collaboratively to them. It is an unclassified version of a previously classified report, & summarizes the overall***

*findings & recommendations while omitting sensitive information about the in-flight security threat resolution process, including specific agency roles & responsibilities & coordination challenges that have occurred & steps agencies have taken to address them. Nuclear power reactors generate highly radioactive waste. To permanently store this waste, the Dept. of Energy (DoE) has been working to submit a license appl:n. to the Nuclear Reg:zy. Comm. (NRC) for a nuclear waste repository at Yucca Mountain, about 100 miles from Las Vegas, NV. A high-quality appl:n. needs to be complete, technically adequate, transparent by clearly justifying underlying assumptions, & traceable back to original source materials. This report examines: DoE's develop. of its schedule for submitting a license appl:n. & the stakeholders with whom it consulted; NRC's assessment of DoE's readiness to submit a high-quality appl:n.; & DoE's progress in addressing quality assurance recommend. identified in a March 2006 report. Concerns over national security, environmental stresses, & high fuel prices have raised interest in reducing oil consumption. Through the Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) program, the Nat. Highway Safety Admin. (NHTSA) requires cars & light trucks to meet certain fuel economy standards. This report discusses: (1) how CAFE standards are designed to reduce fuel consumption; (2) strengths & weaknesses of the CAFE program & NHTSA's capabilities; & (3) market-based policies that could complement or replace CAFE. To do this work, the author reviewed recent studies & interviewed leading experts & agency officials. Includes recommendations. Charts & tables.*

*Vehicle Fuel Economy*

*Limited Capability Exists to Monitor Occupational Illnesses and Injuries*

*Procedural History*

*Current Housing Reports*

*1990 Census of Population and Housing*

*New York Tenants' Rights*

### ***Advanced Earned Income Tax Credit***

Morels are prized edible mushrooms that fruit, sometimes prolifically, in many forest types throughout western North America. They are collected for personal consumption & commercially harvested as valuable special (non-timber) forest products. Large gaps remain, however, in our knowledge about their taxonomy, biology, ecology, cultivation, safety, & how to manage forests & harvesting activities to conserve morel populations & ensure sustainable crops. This publication provides forest managers, policymakers, mycologists, & mushroom harvesters with a synthesis of current knowledge regarding these issues, regional summaries of morel harvesting & management, & a comprehensive review of the literature. Color & b&w illus.

Freight railroads account for over 40% (by weight) of the nation's freight on a privately owned network that was largely built almost 100 years ago and includes over 76,000 railroad bridges and over 800 tunnels. This report provides information on this infrastructure, addressing: (1) the condition of railroad bridges and tunnels and their contribution to railroad congestion; (2) the federal role in overseeing railroad bridge and tunnel

safety; (3) the current uses of public funds for railroad infrastructure investments; and (4) criteria and a framework for guiding any future federal role in freight infrastructure investments. The author reviewed federal bridge safety guidelines and reports, conducted site visits, and interviewed railroad officials. Includes recommendations.

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The U.S.A., bordered by vast oceans & friendly nations, has long taken its security in the Western hemisphere for granted. Now, challenges not deterred by geographical barriers -- challenges of drug trafficking, refugees, terrorism, mounting national debt, & even religion -- are rapidly developing & compel us to take a fresh look at the character of conflict in the Americas. This anthology reassesses security in the Americas (in 1989). Sometimes controversial, these wide-ranging essays examine the past & present security relationship between the U.S. & Latin America. The underlying theme is that the nature of that relationship, beset by new problems, such as severe financial instability, as well as traditional ones, such as guerrilla insurgencies, may be changing.

Tourism and Its Effects on Southeast

Alaska Communities and Resources  
Case Studies from Haines, Craig, and  
Hoonah, Alaska

American Housing Survey for the St. Louis  
Metropolitan Area in 1996  
Congressional Statement

Ecology and Management of Morels Harvested  
from the Forests of Western North America  
Low Use and Small Dollars Paid Impede  
IRS's Efforts to Reduce High Noncompliance  
1960 Censuses of Population and Housing

**The Advance Earned Income Tax Credit (AEITC) allows individuals to receive a portion of the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) in their paychecks, instead of receiving all of it when filing their year-end tax return. Limited research has been conducted on the AEITC since it was last examined in the early 1990s. This report determines: (1) how many individuals received the AEITC compared with the EITC in tax years 2002 through 2004, what actions, if any, have been taken to increase use, and the potential for increases in use in the future; (2) the extent of noncompliance, if any, associated with the AEITC; and (3) how well the IRS's procedures address the areas of noncompliance. Includes recommendations. Charts and tables.**

**This workshop furthers the dialogue among scientists, land managers, landowners, interested stakeholders & the public about how individuals are addressing climate change in natural resource management. Discussions illustrated the complexity of global climate change & the need for managers to consider how the impacts of climate change will unfold across regional & local landscapes. The workshop offered examples of how managers are already responding to those aspects of the global climate change that they can see or perceive. While no**

**comprehensive solutions emerged, there was an appreciation that policy complexity may exceed the science complexity but that eventually the accumulation of local actions will shape the future.**

**Protect your investment! Choosing new tenants who will pay on time, respect your property, and stay for an extended period will make your life easier—and your business more profitable. This book guides you through the process of attracting, screening, choosing, and getting the best renters possible. Just as important, it shows how to avoid problem tenants. You'll learn how to: avoid discrimination complaints advertise effectively screen tenants over the phone show the unit evaluate applications examine credit reports check references make a rental offer reject applicants and much more. With Downloadable Forms: includes dozens of forms and checklists that will help you get the information you need without running afoul of the law —available for download (details inside).**

**American Indian/Alaska Native/Native Hawaiian Resource Kit Working Paper**

**American Housing Survey for the Dallas Metropolitan Area in ...**

**Long-term Strategy Needed to Keep Pace with Increasing Demand for Visas**

**Proceedings of a Workshop**

**American Housing Survey for the St. Louis Metropolitan Area in ...**

**Security in the Americas**